

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A thin client device for use in a home network comprising:
a network port configured to connect the thin client device to a server on the home network, the server including a hard disk drive; and
a data/memory port, ~~coupled to the network port and~~ configured to selectively interface with a memory device holding data comprising media content; and
a controller providing control of data transfer between the network port and the data/memory port including, in one mode, fully automatic control enabling wherein the thin client is configured to transferring substantially unidirectionally data stored at the memory device through the data/memory port to the server via the network port and ~~to archive~~ archiving the data in the a hard disk drive of the server responsive to automatically detecting the memory device through the data/memory port.

2. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1 wherein the thin client device is configured to automatically transfer data from the memory device through the data/memory port to the server through a global information network using the network port responsive to automatically detecting the memory device through the data/memory port.

3. (Currently Amended) The thin client device according to claim 1, further including:

~~a controller, coupled to the network port and the data/memory port;~~
~~a control interface, coupled to the controller, and configured to receive commands to control transfer of data from the data/memory port to the home network~~
the controller enabling, in an alternative mode, transferring substantially unidirectionally, based on user input, only certain portions of the media content stored at the memory device through the data/memory port to the server via the network port.

4. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1, further including a signal processing apparatus configured to process the data available at the data/memory port.

5. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1, wherein the data/memory port is a memory card interface.

6. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1, wherein the data/memory port comprises a data communications port.

7. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1, wherein the thin client device is integrated with a digital versatile disc (DVD) player.

8. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1, wherein the thin client device is integrated with a television set-top box.

9. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1, wherein the thin client device is integrated with a television receiver.

10. (Previously Presented) The thin client device according to claim 1, wherein the thin client device is integrated with a compact disc (CD) player.

11. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
automatically detecting a memory device selectively coupled to a data port of a thin client on a network;
automatically reading data stored on the memory device; and
transferring substantially unidirectionally the data read from the memory device to a server on the network through the data port and a network port coupled to the server and to archive archiving the data in a hard disk drive of the server responsive to the automatically detecting the memory device through the data port.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
automatically transferring the data read from the memory device to the server through a global information network using the network port responsive to automatically detecting the memory device coupled to the data port.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 further comprising automatically initiating the transferring of the data read from the memory device responsive to automatically detecting that the memory device is coupled to the data port.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising ~~requesting the precessing of the data at the server~~ providing selective control of the data transfer enabling, in an alternative mode, transferring substantially unidirectionally, based on user input, only certain portions of the data stored on the memory device through the data port and the network port to the server.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~11~~ 14 further comprising ~~requesting the archiving of the data read from the memory device at a hard disk drive located in the server after transferring~~ displaying titles based on the data stored on the memory device and, based on the titles displayed, issuing commands to the thin client based on remote user input selecting the only certain portions of the data for transferring substantially unidirectionally.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 where transferring the data read from the memory device includes wireless transfer of the data read from the memory device to the server on the network.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
displaying the data read from the memory device as images on a display;
transferring substantially unidirectionally the at least one image to the server responsive to the at least one displayed image being selected from the images displayed; and
requesting the storing of the at least one displayed image on the server after transferring.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 further comprising requesting the transfer of the at least one image from the server to the thin client after storing the at least one image on the server.

19. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions thereon that, when executed by a thin client, results in the thin client:

automatically detecting a memory device selectively coupled to a data port of a thin client on a network;

automatically reading data stored on the memory device coupled to the data port of the thin client on the network; and

transferring substantially unidirectionally the data read from the memory device to a server on the network through the data port and a network port coupled to the server and to ~~archive~~ archiving the data in a hard disk drive of the server responsive to the automatically detecting and automatically reading the memory device.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 19 where execution of the instructions further results in:

automatically transferring the data read from the memory device to the server through a global information network using the network port responsive to automatically detecting the memory device coupled to the data port.

21. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 20 where execution of the instructions further results in:

automatically initiating the transferring the data read from the memory device responsive to automatically detecting that the memory device is coupled to the data port.

22. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 19 where execution of the instructions further results in requesting the data to be processed at the server.

23. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 19 where execution of the instructions further results in requesting the data read from the memory device to be archived at a hard disk drive located in the server after transferring.

24. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 19 where transferring the data read from the memory device includes wirelessly transferring the data read from the memory device to the server on the network.

25. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 19 where execution of the instructions further results in:

displaying the data read from the memory device as images on a display;
selecting at least one image displayed on the display;
transferring the at least one image selected to the server responsive to the selecting; and
storing the at least one image on the server after transferring.

26. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 25 where execution of the instructions further results in requesting the transfer of the at least one image from the server to the thin client after storing the at least one image on the server.

27. (Currently Amended) A thin client comprising:
means for configuring a network port to connect the thin client to a home network;
means for detecting a memory device holding data comprising media content and selectively coupled to the thin client by a data port;
means for enabling data transfer between the data port and the network port; and
means for providing control of the data transfer including, in one mode, fully automatic control enabling transferring substantially unidirectionally data stored in the memory device coupled to the data port to the home network via the network port and to archive archiving the data in a hard disk drive of the a server connected to the home network responsive to automatically detecting the memory device selectively coupled to the thin client.

28. (Previously Presented) The thin client of claim 27 comprising means for automatically transferring data from the data port to the server through a global information network.

29. (Currently Amended) The thin client of claim 27 comprising:
means for controlling the thin client coupled to the network port and the data port;
means for receiving commands to control transfer of data from the data port to the home network
means for providing control enabling, in an alternative mode, transferring substantially unidirectionally only certain portions of the media content in the memory device through the data port to the home network via the network port for archiving in the hard disk drive of the server connected to the home network.

30. (Previously Presented) The thin client of claim 27 comprising means for processing the data available at the data port.

31. (Previously Presented) The thin client of claim 27 where the thin client is integrated with a digital versatile disc (DVD) player.

32. (Previously Presented) The thin client of claim 27 where the thin client is integrated with a television set-top box.

33. (Previously Presented) The thin client of claim 27 where the client is integrated with a television receiver.